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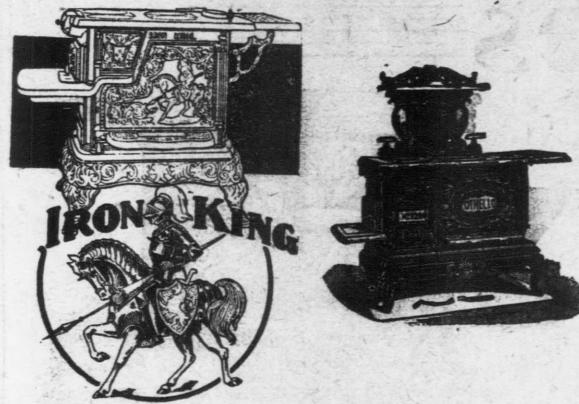
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MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE, SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 29, 1902.

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In view of the uncertainty as to WHEN we will have Anthracite coal, the price at which coal will sell, and the consequently decreased demand for stoves, we have decided to make the greatest cut in prices of all stoves, both Heating and Cook, (except WOOD and OIL heaters) that has ever been made by any dealer in Middletown or in this community. We have the largest and completest variety of the best stoves manufactured. All bought for cash down, and previously to the last two advances in prices. These stoves we will offer to cash buyers at rates the nearest to manufacturers' wholesale prices that have been heard of here.

No humbug in our advertising; we have all the goods in hand that we advertise, and we do not say the price of an article is 10c but is the 15c kind. That's a "cheesnut" with a moss covered back! Nor do we mark our goods in such hood-winking prices as 49c, 99c, 1.99, 2.99 &c. This is SO THIN that it should not trick the vision of a mole, and a DISCOUNT should at once be demanded. When will Americans surfeit of the luxury of being "fooled"? Note these prices:

"Hazel" Double Heaters No. 14, set up \$19.50; No. 16, set up \$22.50. "Atlas," "Classic," "Nubian" and "Jewel Oak" Single Heaters, No. 10 to No. 16, at \$15.50 to \$12.00.

"Othello" Ranges, Coal or Wood No. 8, \$28.50; No. 9, \$28.00; "Sunshine" Range, Coal or Wood, No. 8, \$19.00; No. 9, \$22.50; "Iron King" Cook, Coal or Wood No. 7, \$17.00; No. 8, \$20.00; No. 9, \$22.50.

"Wyoming" Dockash, Range, Coal or Wood No. 8, \$25.00; No. 9, \$28.00, WITH THERMOMETER. "Peninsular" Steel oven Range No. 9, \$18.50, same stove with Reservoir \$25.50.

Steel Range "Premier" No. 9, WITH HIGH-CLOSEST AND RESERVOIR, no better made, \$45.00. Steel Range "Domestic," No. 8, with High-Closets or Reservoirs at correspondingly low prices. All the above Cook Stoves and Ranges are of the very highest and finest grade. We have a great variety of other Cooks and Ranges, coal or wood, and coal Heating Stoves at much lower prices.

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FREE
WITH Every
Cash
Purchase.

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It is our business to study in advance the wants of our customers, and never did we do so to better purpose than this year. We are now in position to supply almost every requirement. We make each line a specialty, and our close connections with the best manufacturers enables us to do so greatly to your benefit.

Watches

Dainty little Silver cases for Misses, Serviceable Watches for Boys, Solid Gold and Gold Stiffened for Ladies and Gentlemen.

Guarantee all our Watches to give satisfaction.

Clocks

Electric Clocks, Cuckoo Clocks, Fancy Gift Clocks, Dressing Clocks, Markle Clocks, Berglein Clocks, American made and first-class time-keepers.

Diamonds

A fine line of pure white, brilliant and perfect cut gems, mounted in Rings, Pins, &c., or we can make the mountings to your order.

OUR OPTICAL DEPARTMENT is in charge of an Expert Refractionist who will thoroughly examine your eyes, and supply you with glasses when needed. Glasses make acceptable gifts, the fitting can be done later.

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That is what we are offering in shoes for men, women and children. Same prices as other shoes—but twice as durable—twice as comfortable—twice as satisfactory. The proof of a shoe is in the wearing. Every pair we sell testifies in our favor. Some shoes do not feel comfortable until they are worn out. All shoes wear out sometime, but the kind we sell are comfortable the day they are put on.

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Men's Guaranteed Patent Colt Skin Shoes, in button, lace and blucher, \$4.00. "Hurley" Shoes for Men, all styles and leathers, \$3.50.

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"Cushionette" Shoes for Women with tender feet, \$3.50.

"Dorothy Dodd," the faultless fitting shoe, \$3.00.

Women's Shoes, latest styles, \$1.50 to \$3.50.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24th, 1902.

WHAT is the President going to say about the tariff? Is the question each new congressional arrival asks when he reaches Washington, and they are coming in crowds. The answer no man can give and it is probably safe to say that Mr. Roosevelt himself does not know. At the Oyster Bay conference it was determined that the tariff would be used to disturb the extraordinary prosperity the country is now enjoying by tampering with the tariff schedules. When the President got ready to write his message he called another conference of Republican leaders and it was determined that if proper tariff legislation were enacted at the short session that would be all it reasonable to expect, that a tariff commission could be established to investigate the situation and report to the first session of the Fifty-eighth Congress and that it would then be time enough to decide if those tariff schedules which would be better for amendment were of sufficient importance to warrant the attempt. Now, however, the western members are urging the President to expedite the work and Chairman Babcock and others say that there must be an extra session to deal exclusively with tariff revision.

The subject of tariff revision was exhaustively discussed at the Cabinet meeting held immediately after the President's return from the Mississippi cane-brakes and it was determined to hold several conferences with the leaders of the party to discuss the question. A conference will be held to day and will probably be followed by others, as the President wishes to have all opportunity to be heard. A striking instance of the local sentiment in regard to the tariff was furnished recently when the President sat in his office with Senator Lodge on one side and Senator Burrows on the other. "I am heartily in favor of your Cuban treaty but I cannot stand by you on that New Foundland convention; it would interfere with our local interests," said Mr. Lodge. "On the other hand, I think your New Foundland treaty is all right and I shall vote to ratify it," said Mr. Burrows. "But I am very dubious about the Cuban treaty."

Much interest attaches to the tariff position of Representative Cannon, who it is generally conceded will be the next speaker. In this connection it is recalled that last summer, after the trip he made on the Dolphin with Secretary Moody, Mr. Cannon was interviewed in Washington and said, "The tariff will be revised sometime but not at the next session of Congress, or by the succeeding Congress, unless there is a check to the present prosperity. The people of Illinois, so far as I have been able to learn, are not anxious for tariff revision. They are anxious to continue their business affairs without interruption caused by a long discussion in Congress as to what changes should be made."

Mr. Cannon, as speaker, will have it in his power to make or mar the hopes of the tariff revisionists. There will probably be three vacancies in the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Hopkins and probably Mr. Long, will go to the Senate and Major Steel has not been re-elected. Messrs. Babcock and Tawney are strong revisionists and the appointment of three others of the same faith would give the revisionists within one of a majority on the Republican side of the table. The present indications are, too, that the revisionists will make a fight on the retention of Mr. Payne as chairman.

The final acceptance of the President's conditions by the Commercial Pacific Cable Company is regarded as a decided triumph for the administration. The Company will now hasten the laying of a cable to Honolulu, Guam, Manila and China which will be strictly American in ownership, which will be operated under the regulations laid down by the President, in time of peace, and which will be turned over to the government in time of war. For a long time the Company has hesitated to bind itself to the conditions prescribed by the President but has finally acceded and has been furnished by Secretary Moody with the surveys and soundings made by the naval vessel, the Nero, and it is hoped that the cable to Honolulu will be ready for use within six months while all haste will be made in pushing the entire line to completion.

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There is no place in the world where the game of politics is played as it is in Delaware. Keno, faro, roulette, draw poker, all are easy of ken, compared with one's ability to guess what will come next in Delaware politics. In fact, it has come to be, that at the dawn of each new day, men rise up and go out to inquire what new and unheard of thing has happened, fully expecting to discover yet another statesman wearing the ears and traits of a Jack Ass.

When, a few days ago, it was given to the public that the President had re-appointed Mr. Byrne, it must be confessed the Regular Republicans looked and felt about as droopy as turkey hen when an attack of cholera; and on the other hand, the Union Republicans, in striking contrast, and correspondingly "high dudgeon," felt the kingdom was theirs, and were ready to throw their hand on the table and "scop the pot." But a few days later the President announces that his re-appointment of Mr. Byrne was purely a personal matter, and had no political significance whatever; whereupon the Regular Republicans again smiled, and took renewed interest in life, and the Union Republicans begin again their pilgrimages to Washington, a consequence of which comes the further announcement from the Capitol that until Delaware's seats in the U. S. Senate are filled, the President will recognize neither of the two warring elements, because to the vacancies in the Senate they have added a vacancy in the House of Representatives. So, as the matter now stands, so far as the Federal patronage is involved, both factions of the Delaware Republicans are political orphans. And so they ought to be, for both are equally guilty, and it is not strange if the President so views it.

When the Regular Republicans made their congressional nomination, anybody who wanted to know the situation as it really existed, could not fail to know that the candidate chosen, could not be elected, while it was equally an assured fact that there were scores of other Regular Republicans eminently fit for the place, anyone of whom, if nominated, would be sure of an election. On the other hand, notwithstanding that the Union Republicans felt that it was sought to ram an abominable nominee down their throats, yet they lost their opportunity when they refused to take him, and in so doing, proved themselves sadly wanting in political foresight. Now if they have any claim to political wisdom, when the General Assembly meets they will proceed at once to elect to the U. S. Senate a Republican and a Union Republican, excluding Mr. Addicks. This ought to be done, and would be done by any set of men entitled to be reckoned sane.

THE ladies of the mite Society of the Bethesda M. E. Church, gave the usual Thanksgiving day entertainment and supper in the Town Hall, and their efforts were met with like degree of success which has hitherto attended these occasions. The Hall was comfortable when the hour struck for the entertainment to begin, but during the day it was insufferably cold, and many of the ladies who were obliged to make the necessary arrangements, suffered much physical discomfort and took cold as a consequence. Such doing on the part of those who rented to them the Hall is an outrageous breach of contract, and the ladies ought not to pay them the rent. It is this willful neglect on the part of the management of the Hall, which drove away from Middletown the Teachers' Institute.

MR. BYRNE
The late whirl in Delaware politics has at least distinguished Mr. Byrne. It is no longer necessary to write "William Michael" before his name in order to single him out. Whenever a newspaper, no matter whence or where, speaks of "Mr. Byrne," everybody from the Pine Tree State to the Gulf, and from Boston Bay to the Golden Gate, knows that it is our Bill.

The attention of our readers is called to the new ad of M. Matthes in this issue. See what he has to say about buying hogs.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

William Heisel, of Elkin, is visiting friends here.
Miss Olivia Paynter spent Sunday with friends in Odessa.

Theodore Jones and wife spent Thursday with relatives in Dover.

Miss Sara Milligan has returned from a visit to Miss Carrick in New Castle.

J. B. Mahoney, of Kirkwood, was an over Sunday guest of W. H. Barnett.

A. O. Sutton and James Thompson were Middletown visitors on Sunday.

Mrs. Laura Jones, son, Clarence, has returned home from Wilmington.

Dr. J. W. Dewart has returned home from a visit to friends in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. H. C. Smith and son, Charles, spent part of last week in Middletown.

Miss Anna Stewart has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Margaret Rebold and Miss Mida Ecker visited Delaware City on Saturday.

Mrs. R. Ecker and daughter, Miss Mida, were in Philadelphia part of last week.

Mr. Gathrop, of Swarthmore, Pa., spent Sunday with H. C. Dolson and family.

F. J. Hyde and wife left for New York on Monday where they will remain for sometime.

On account of the scarcity of coal the usual Thanksgiving services were dispensed.

Miss Soby of Wilmington, spent Monday and Tuesday with her friend, Miss Sara Milligan.

William Kirk and wife, of Philadelphia, visited her mother, Mrs. Emma Dasher over Sunday.

Mrs. Charles Stapleford and son, of Bowersville, spent Sunday with her parents, J. Nelson and wife.

Mrs. Emma Dasher and daughters, Alice and Lettie, and son, John, are visiting friends at Yorklyn, Pa.

Miss Anna Moore and Karl Fisher, of Wilmington, were guests of John Moore and family a few days last week.

Harry Gray, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Frank Cleaver, of Kirkwood, visited their parents, Francis Gray and wife on Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Stuckert was pleasantly entertained by Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Vallandigham at Middletown several days last week.

John Moore and family on Sunday entertained Mrs. W. L. Sparks, of Wilmington, and William Sparks and family, of Bowersville.

Mr. J. M. Goy shipped from "Maple Valley Stock Farm" on Monday nine horses to great horse sale now being held in New York.

An enjoyable masquerade party was given by about twenty of our young people at the residence of W. H. Barnett on Friday evening.

J. H. Stewart and family entertained at their on T. C. Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Vallandigham at Middletown several days last week.

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Young people of the Presbyterian Church will have a social meeting "Just for Fun" in Odd Fellows Hall on Wednesday evening, December 10th. Program for the benefit of the church.

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J. H. STEWART

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A Double Deceit

BY A. ERNEST MARSTON.

Twas a wild night. The rain fell in drenching torrents, driving the few who were awaiting the coming of the through express into the depot, where they gathered in a shivering group around the meager fire.

Outside, walking with quick nervous strides back and forth upon the covered platform, was a man enveloped in a long, black mackintosh. The face was dark, but handsome, and had an open expression that added to its attractiveness. The eyes were deep and lustrous; the hair was dark and inclined to curl. He wore no beard, but above the well formed mouth was a curling, black mustache.

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"Forgive me, Miss Hurst," he said, penitently. "I deserve your contempt for thinking even for a moment that you were other than a true woman. I know now that I wronged you in the thought," he mused. "However, it's all one to me. She's mine—mine, and nothing else matters much."

"I thought it was not your true self that was speaking," she said, quietly.

"I am glad that I know that I was not mistaken in my opinion of you for I want to believe that I have met at least one true man this summer; and I want you to remember only my better self—not that I was blind with jealousy and disappointment, and did not think what I was saying."

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"He will know the truth before long," she mused. "I am so glad I can bring him a fortune."

Worden swung himself easily off the moving train and walked rapidly away.

"She thinks me a poor author," he was thinking. "If she but knew that fame was already mine, I wonder what she would say. Well, she deserves the best that money can bring, and I am glad that I can give it to her."

He paused under an electric light and looked at the card that she had handed him at parting, and upon which had hastily written her address. Worden whistled softly as he read it. "I never thought of her living in that part of the city," he mused. "However, it's all one to me. She's mine—mine, and nothing else matters much."

A few days later Worden was ushered into a reception room of a mansion in upper New York. He had hardly time to note the rich appointments of the room when Miss Hurst, exquisite in soft, white drapery, parted the portiers and came toward him.

"But Alice?"—after the first greeting—"is it really you? Why, I didn't expect—I thought—"

"You thought I was a poor girl, dependent upon my own resources to support, and I allowed you to deceive yourself, so that I might feel sure of the love you said—"

"The love for you that fills my heart, my life," he broke in passionately.

"But, oh! I am so glad that I can bring you all of this—that I can relieve you of all the cares of living. Now you can write at your leisure and produce a masterpiece—unhampered by any. And fame will be yours—oh, I know it."

"Well, you see, Alice—that is it, too, have you not something to give me?"

"Deceived me? How? What do you mean?"

"Well, the fact is, dearest, I can hardly be classed as a 'poor, struggling author.' My last book, published under a pseudonym, has brought me no measure of fame, as well as more substantial remuneration."

"To think of your practicing such a deception!"

"But it doesn't make any difference?"

"Nothing makes much difference now."

She smiled up at him from the hollow of his arm. "Besides it was a double deceit, you know."

"Foolish man!" she interrupted. "You know little of the myriad wants of woman, or you would never make such a rash statement."

"Nor do I care," he replied. "I only know that I would make it the object of my life to make you happy."

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